

COMRADES

OF

EQUITY

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*A Canadian Political Association
formed to Protect the Interests
of Farmers and Producers.*

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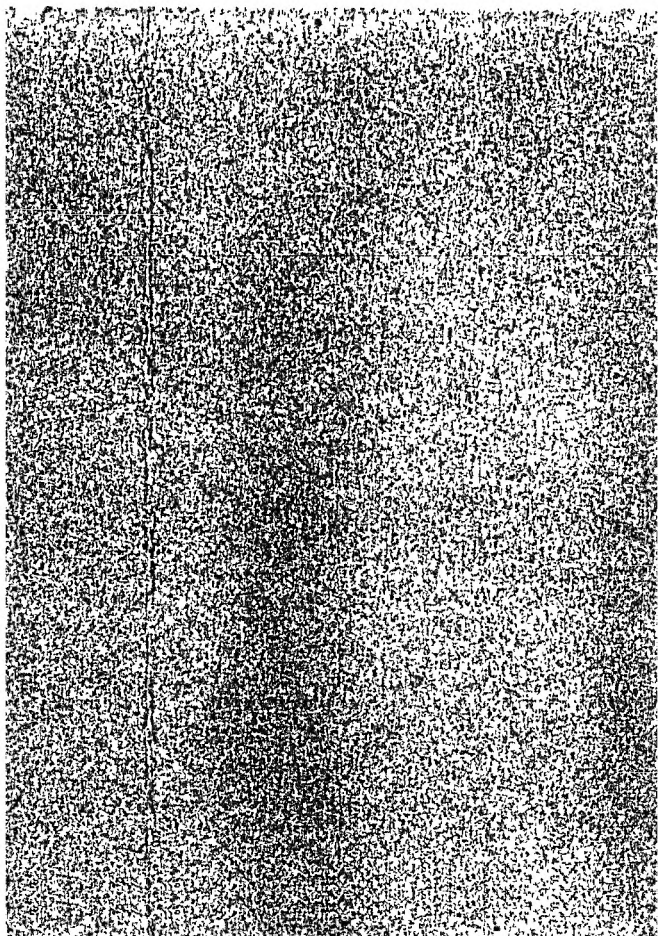
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CONSTITUTION

OF THE

COMRADES OF EQUITY.

No. 1.—That the name of this Association be the Comrades of Equity.

OBJECT.

2.—To work as a political organization to get sufficient control of all Governing Bodies in Canada, that the people may, with all possible speed, be furnished with the Public Service of all Public Utilities, such service to be owned and operated by the different Governing Bodies for the benefit of the Public.

The above to be effected by either the purchase of existing utilities or by the construction of new ones.

No. 3.—ORGANIZATION.

a.—Each person, on becoming a member shall sign the following obligation:—

I.....
do willingly obligate myself to at all times do all in my power to advance the interests of the Comrades of Equity. I will abide by its rules, uphold its constitution and platform, and if at any time I desire to revoke the above I will notify my Decimator or other superior officer at least one month previous to any election in which the Comrades of Equity have a candidate in the field, otherwise I will always vote for the candidate chosen by the Organization.

b.—Upon signing the Obligation the member shall as soon as possible associate himself with nine others, and the ten shall be known as a Recruit's Band, and they shall appoint one of their number as a Decimator, whose duty it shall be to act as chairman and as Sec.-treasurer of all meetings of the band, provided that when recruits find difficulty in making themselves into a full band they shall temporarily associate themselves with the nearest existing band.

c.—As soon as Ten Decimators shall report to the Provisional or General Secretary, he shall appoint time and place for a meeting of these Ten Decimators, who shall proceed to the meeting and appoint a Centurion.

d.—As soon as Ten Centurions shall report to the Provisional or General Secretary he shall appoint time and place for a meeting of these Ten Centurions, who shall proceed to the meeting and appoint a Millesimal.

e.—As soon as Ten Millesimals shall report to the Provisional or General Secretary he shall appoint time and place for a meeting of these ten Millesimals, who shall proceed to the meeting and appoint a Decimator Millesimal.

f. -- All bands shall be known when possible after the names of the P. O. District, Town, or Electoral District in which it is situated.

g. -- The chairman appointed at any meeting held to appoint officers shall report result of election and send such officer's acceptance and signed obligation to the Provisional or General Secretary.

h1. -- Upon the organization of a Recruits Band and annually thereafter each recruit, and any associating recruit (see No. 3b.) shall pay 25 cents.

2. -- Upon the organization of a Decimator Band each decimator shall pay to the Centurion chosen three-fifths of the annual fees out of the Recruits' Funds.

3. -- Upon the organization of a Centurion Band each centurion shall pay to the Millesimal three-fifths of the annual fees out of the Decimator Funds.

4. -- Upon the organization of a Millesimal Band each millesimal shall pay to the Decimator Millesimal three-fifths of the annual fees out of the Centurion Funds.

5. -- That upon the nomination of a candidate by the Comrades of Equity each comrade in the electoral district concerned shall be subject to a special call of 25 cents for election purposes, if necessary.

PROVISIONAL SECRETARY-TREASURER.

i. -- A Gen. Secretary shall be provisionally appointed by the meeting first adopting the Constitution, and upon the organization of any Decimator, Centurion or Millesimal Band, the officer thus appointed shall notify the Secretary, in each case giving the names of the nine in his special charge.

LENGTH OF RETAINING OFFICE:

2.—Upon the organization of a Millesimal Band and the appointment of a Decimator Millesimal the Provisional General Secretary shall hand over all papers, records, etc., to the Decimator Millesimal, who shall then be the Sec.-treasurer of the Organization, at which time it shall become the duty of the Millesimal Officers to become incorporated as an association, and they shall require the General Sec.-treasurer to furnish bonds at the discretion of the Millesimal officers.

GENERAL SECRETARY.

j.—When three or more D. M. Bands are organized the Decimator Mill. duly elected shall elect the General Secretary from among their number, but the first D. M. shall remain General Secretary until the third D. M. is elected.

OFFICERS' VOTE.

k1.—In all cases an officer elected by the Comrades in his degree must receive a two-third vote of the members voting.

k2.—That a decimator, centurion, millesimal or decimator-millesimal can only be removed by a two-third referendum vote of all comrades affected up to his degree.

APPOINTMENT OF ELECTION COMMITTEE.

l.—The Centurions of an Electoral District shall nominate a candidate and elect an Election Committee, which shall include all Millesimal officers in the District, and as many Comrades as it may be thought necessary to act.

No.4—CANDIDATES: HOW CHOSEN.

a.—Candidates for the Provincial or Dominion Parliaments of Canada, when brought out by the Comrades

of Equity alone must be chosen from the Comrades of Equity.

DUTY OF ELECTION COMMITTEE.

b. - It shall be the duty of the Election Committee to have the Candidate sign the Candidate's Obligation, take a referendum vote of all members of the Comrades of Equity in the Electoral Division with the assistance of the Decimators and, if the candidate nominated by the Centurions be confirmed, make the necessary Cash Deposit.

No. 5.—CO-OPERATION.

a. - The Comrades of Equity may co-operate with any other organization having the same objects in view, and in such cases an Equitable representation in Convention or Caucus shall be granted to all parties thus co-operating.

b. - If co-operating with other Organizations the Candidate may be selected according to the rules of the Comrades of Equity, or those of the Co-operating Bodies, provided that in all cases, whether the Candidate be selected by the Comrades of Equity alone, or in co-operation with other organizations, it shall be the duty of the Election Committee to take a referendum vote of all members of the Comrades of Equity in the Electoral Division, and the Candidates thus selected must receive at least a two-thirds vote of all members voting.

c. - After a Candidate has been chosen it shall be the duty of the Comrades of Equity to make the necessary equitable cash deposit at the time of Official Nomination.

d. - In case the deposit thus made is not forfeited to

the State the equitable share shall in all cases return to the Treasury of the Comrades of Equity.

INITIATIVE.

6.--Any Comrade may initiate a change in this Constitution by presenting to the head officers a petition signed by at least one-tenth of the Comrades, or the head officers may propose a change, but in all cases a referendum vote must be taken and any change must receive a two-thirds vote of the members voting.

LOCAL PLATFORM.

7.--Comrades of any locality may adopt a platform suitable to their locality, if such platform does not conflict with the platform and principles of the Association.

REFERENDUM.

8.--That in all cases of change of platform the principle of referendum vote be adhered to, in which a two-thirds vote of members voting carries.

OFFICER'S OBLIGATION.

9.--I.....being chosen.....
will perform the duties of my office to the best of my ability.

(Signed).....

Witness.....

CANDIDATE'S OBLIGATION.

—:O:—

10.—I..... having been chosen to contest the Constituency of.....in the interests of the Comrades of Equity, will do so to the best of my ability. I will at all times conduct myself in accord with the principles of the Association, and if at any time while a member of any legislative body a vote of "Want of Confidence" is passed by a two-thirds referendum vote of the Comrades of Equity in my constituency, I will when notified immediately tender my resignation to the proper legal authorities.

(Signed)

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P. O.....

Witness.....

PLATFORM.

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1.—The Government ownership and operation of Elevators.

2.—The Government ownership and operation of Railways, Telegraphs, and Telephones in Canada.

3.—Equal rights to all. Absolutely no special privileges to any individual, municipal body, province or state.

4.—That the public domain be administered by each province in the sole interests of its people; and that the products of mineral and timber lands, when needed, be made available to the people under provincial supervision.

CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE.

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The following farmers are members of the Constitution Committee and remain standing at the call of the Provisional Secretary until the creation of higher officials who will take its place:—

O. MILLHAM

A. FORD

J. NIXON

J. DONOHUE

W. GORDON

A. KNAPP

J. NO. RIGLIN

W. ROWLAND

G. MILLHAM

S. LINDSKOG

F. REDMAN

J. BALDWIN

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